



# DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

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*Mission: Inspire learning*

*Vision: Engaging and ❤️ (valuing/caring) for our families, students and staff to empower our community.*

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## ~ Special Edition ~

Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,

### Special Board Meeting: Reopening Schools April 19, 2021 to In-Person Learning

At a special board meeting held Tuesday, March 16, 2021, our school board passed a resolution to extend our non- In-person Learning (Distance Learning) to April 19th and provided this date as our reopening to in-person learning on our campuses. We are excited about the possibilities in the concurrent model which allows for more direct explicit instruction (teacher time). We also just learned from a Sacramento Bee article, that Elk Grove Unified School District, the largest Northern California school district recently reopened using a concurrent model. We all recognize there will be learning for us all, so I thank you in advance for your patience and support.

Parents will be receiving a phone call from their child's schools to confirm preferences in the Concurrent Model as well as our staff will be asking additional questions to meet our students needs.

### Parent Information Meetings: Return to In-Person

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

- Meadow View - 9:00-10:30
- Bellevue - 11:00-12:30

Thursday, April 8, 2021

- Meadow View - 6:00-7:30
- Bellevue - 4:00-5:30

Thursday, April 15, 2021

- Kawana Springs - 9:00-10:30 & 6:00-7:30
- Taylor Mountain - 11:00-12:30 & 4:00-5:30

### From Red to Orange Tier.

We are excited that our county is recovering and looking forward to seeing our students more either through our Synchronous learning model in-person or remotely.

From Dr. Herrington, SCOE County Superintendent of Schools:

*Now that Sonoma County has entered the red tier, our goal is to reach the orange tier. However, the County cannot advance to the orange tier for at least three weeks based on the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) (updated March 16). The County could be eligible to move into the orange tier, upon the expiration of the third-week, if either (1) all three metrics are in the orange tier or (2) the overall case positivity and health equity positivity is in the yellow tier (accelerated reopening). Furthermore, the state will revise the red tier*

*"case rate" metric once four million vaccines are administered to the lowest HPI quartile.*

**Staff Vaccination Update:**The SCOE vaccination clinic will close permanently on March 26. All educators in Sonoma County still have an opportunity to receive a vaccine during the coming days. This includes school district trustees, substitutes, coaches and other supporting roles. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the vaccination clinic possible and to the staff at Rancho Cotate High School for hosting the clinic!

### **Town Hall Meetings**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at our town hall meetings. Great questions!

Classified Town Hall: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 4:00 pm

Certificated Town Hall: Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:00 pm

### **Board Meetings**

Special Board Meeting Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:00pm **Canceled**

### **Resources:**

1. The SCOE Communications team has developed a frequently asked questions section available now at [scoe.org/vaccines](http://scoe.org/vaccines). This reflects the most common questions received to date and will be updated to reflect new questions and changing information. A Spanish version will be available early next week.
2. [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year.](#)
3. [Sonoma County Coronavirus Data at Glance](#)

### **From the desk of our Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart**

New student registration is open both [online](#) and hard copy packets available at the school sites. Students eligible for kindergarten are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021. Students turning 5 years old September 2 through December 2, 2021 are eligible for TK (transitional kinder). Depending on space we may accept students born December 3rd through March 1 to what we call TK plus. To register you will need a copy of the birth certificate, proof of residence (PG&E or water bill, lease), immunizations, physical and dental exam. Please call your school office with any questions.

Check out our COVID news page [www.busd.org/COVID](http://www.busd.org/COVID) for all of our newsletters (In Spanish & English), board presentations, and links to county and state reopening guidelines that all districts must meet. We are also putting together a frequently asked questions section.

In partnership with you,

Dr. David Alexander

Superintendent

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